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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

CHAIRMAN RUSSELL PETERSON.

REFERENCE: STATE 294297, NEW DEHLI 16635 AND 16754,
CALCUTTA 2984.

1. CEQ PLEASED WITH EMBASSY AND CONGEN PLANNED APPOINT-
MENTS. PETERSON AND TALBOT WILL FOLLOW CLOSELY GUIDANCE
WITH REFERENCE TO SENSITIVITIES MENTIONED DELHI 16754. THE
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FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS ARE SUBMITTED FOR EMBASSY CONSIDERA-

TION FOR INCLUSION IN PROGRAM.

2. LEVEL OF APPOINTMENTS. IN GENERAL, OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS REQUESTED WOULD NOT BE ABOVE THE MINISTERIAL AND DEPUTY MINISTERIAL LEVEL. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S PERSONAL INTEREST IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND CEQ'S STATUS IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, A CALL ON MRS. GANDHI MIGHT BE USEFUL. THE EMBASSY'S CONSIDERATION OF THIS POSSIBILITY IS SUGGESTED. DR. TALBOT INCIDENTALLY, HAD PERSONAL CONTACT WITH MRS. GANDHI'S FATHER WHICH LED TO IMPORTANT CONSERVATION ACTIONS BY THE GOI INCLUDING DESIGNATION OF THE GIR FOREST AS A NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA.

3. ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS. PLEASE REQUEST A BRIEF MEETING WITH MINISTER OF HEALTH, KHARAN SINGH, WHO IS KNOWN PERSONALLY TO CHAIRMAN PETERSON FROM CONTACTS DURING THE BUCHAREST WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE. "PLEASE CONSULT WITH USAID REPRESENTATIVE NEW DELHI FOR COORDINATION OF BLOCKS OF TIME ALLOTTED FOR POPULATION ISSUES." FOR NEW DELHI, THE TIME SUGGESTED IS A HALF DAY, MORNING OR AFTERNOON JANUARY 13. A CALL AT THE NEW DELHI ZOO UPON FORMER DIRECTOR K.S. SANKHALA WOULD BE USEFUL. IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF THE CONTROL OFFICER WOULD CONTACT DR. ZAFAR FUTEHALLY, DODDA GUBBI POST, VIA VIDYANAGAR, BANGALORE 562134, AS HE CAN BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN COORDINATING ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT CONTACTS. FUTEHALLY, AN IMPORTANT INDIAN CONSERVATIONIST, IS WELL KNOWN TO TALBOT AND IS ALSO AWARE OF PLANNED TRIP ALTHOUGH AS YET UNINFORMED AS TO SPECIFIC ITINERARY.

4. AGRA VISIT. IT IS REQUESTED THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE UPON ARRIVAL FOR A VISIT TO THE NEARBY WILDLIFE PRESERVE AT BHARATPUR. FUTEHALLY COULD SUGGEST A NATURALIST TO ACCOMPANY THE PARTY TO BHARATPUR. ROUTINE ARRANGEMENTS ARE REQUESTED FOR VISITS TO THE TAJ MAHAL AND AGRA FORT ON WHICHEVER OF THE WEEKEND DAYS NOT TAKEN UP WITH BHARATPUR.

5. CALCUTTA. FOR CALCUTTA, POPULATION TIME BLOCK SHOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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BE ALLOTTED TO THE SECOND DAY, JANUARY 15. PRIMARY EMPHASIS WILL BE OBSERVATION OF POPULATION AND POPULATION-RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, SUCH AS HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND HEALTH CARE, IN CALCUTTA, WITH THE BULK OF THE COORDINATION BEING DONE BY DR. BOYNTON OF AID WASHINGTON. TIME SHOULD BE ALLOWED FOR A VISIT TO DR. BISWAMOY BISWAS, DIRECTOR OF THE CALCUTTA MUSEUM WHO MAY BE CONTACTED CARE OF ZOOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA OFFICES, CALCUTTA AND

WITH WORLD WILDLIFE CONSULTANT, MRS. ANNE WRIGHT, 14 BALLYGUNGE PARK ROAD, CALCUTTA 19 (TELEPHONE 446517). BOTH ARE TALBOT CONTACTS OF LONG STANDING. THE LATTER TWO INDIVIDUALS IDEALLY COULD JOIN PETERSON AND TALBOT FOR A LATE AFTERNOON EARLY EVENING TOUR OF CALCUTTA ENVIRONS, JANUARY 15, IF EITHER OR BOTH OF THEIR SCHEDULES PERMIT. CONGEN'S ARRANGEMENTS FOR DINNER APPRECIATED. VISIT THROUGH SLUMS, SLUM IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS, AND OTHER PROJECTS SUGGESTED ARE FINE TO EXTENT CAN BE FIT INTO SCHEDULE.

6. KAZIRANGA VIA JORHAT. KAZIRANGA PERMISSION REQUEST BEING ARRANGED THROUGH INDIAN EMBASSY HERE. CONGEN REQUESTED MAKE CONTACT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH THE CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS OF ASSAM REQUESTING USUAL ELEPHANT TRANSPORTATION. THEY MAY WISH TO PROVIDE LOCAL GUIDES BUT DR. ROBIN BANERJEE, P.M.O., GOLAGHAT DISTRICT MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, GOLAGHAT 785621, ASSAM, SHOULD BE CONTACTED AND IF POSSIBLE REQUESTED TO JOIN PETERSON AND TALBOT AT KAZIRANGA OR JORHAT. HE IS A KNOWLEDGEABLE CONSERVATIONIST PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN KAZIRANGA AND EVEN A BRIEF MEETING WITH HIM COULD BE MOST USEFUL TO PURPOSES OF THE VISIT. TALBOT HAS SPENT TIME AT KAZIRANGA SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST WORKING WITH THE GOI ON WILDLIFE CONSERVATION STUDIES. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THE PARTY COULD BE MET UPON ARRIVAL AT JORHAT AND DRIVEN TO KAZIRANGA. RETURN TRANSPORTATION TO JORHAT FOR OUTWARD FLIGHT CONNECTIONS WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED. TAXI OR RENTED CAR WOULD SUFFICE.

7. CONCLUSION. EMBASSY VIEWS ON THESE PROPOSED ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAM WOULD BE APPRECIATED. IT IS APPRECIATED THAT CONTROL OFFICER OF THE PROGRAM WOULD MEET PARTY UPON ARRIVAL NEW DELHI ENROUTE TO AGRA TO BRIEF THEM ON FINAL UNCLASSIFIED

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SCHEDULE ARRANGEMENTS, PROBLEMS, AND LAST MINUTE DEVELOPMENTS. KISSINGER

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